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H.B. No. 1498

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the appropriation of money from the economic
3 stabilization fund for maintenance and repairs at institutions of
4 higher education.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. (a) The legislature finds, in part based on
7 information concerning deferred maintenance included in the annual
8 reports required by Section [61.05821](#), Education Code, that there is
9 a demonstrated need to fund previously deferred maintenance and
10 repairs of buildings and facilities at general academic and
11 health-related institutions of higher education.

12 (b) In addition to other amounts appropriated to the Texas
13 Higher Education Coordinating Board for the state fiscal biennium
14 ending August 31, 2019, \$500 million is appropriated out of the
15 economic stabilization fund to the Texas Higher Education
16 Coordinating Board for that state fiscal biennium for purposes of:

17 (1) allocating, in the manner provided by Subsection
18 (c) of this section, a portion of the money to each institution of
19 higher education that was included in the board's 2012 report on
20 accumulated deferred maintenance needs at institutions of higher
21 education as having deferred necessary maintenance of the
22 institution's buildings and facilities; and

23 (2) distributing the allocated amounts to those
24 institutions of higher education to be used during that state

1 fiscal biennium for previously deferred maintenance and repairs,
2 infrastructure support, and rehabilitation of buildings and
3 facilities at those institutions.

4 (c) The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall
5 allocate money to each institution of higher education described by
6 Subsection (b)(1) of this section in the proportion that the cost of
7 the deferred maintenance at that institution as specified in the
8 2012 report described by that subdivision bears to the total cost of
9 the deferred maintenance at all institutions of higher education as
10 specified in that report.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017, but only
12 if the Act receives a vote of two-thirds of the members present in
13 each house of the legislature, as provided by Section [49-g\(m\)](#),
14 Article III, Texas Constitution.